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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The fender structure of claim 10[[8]], wherein the mud guard and the floor board are formed as a one piece unit.

10. (Currently Amended) A fender structure for a vehicle with a plurality of wheels, comprising:

a right fender portion positionable over a right wheel;

a left fender portion associated with the right fender portion and positionable over a left wheel, wherein at least one of the right fender portion and the left fender portion includes a support portion designed as a load-bearing surface that is defined at least in part by a top surface of at least one of the left and right fender portions;[[and]]

raised support portions, in at least one of a lateral, longitudinal, and diagonal direction, formed in one piece with the support portion, the raised support portions defining at least one raised support plane[.];

a mud guard positionable adjacent at least one of the left and right wheels; and

a floor board extending away from the at least one mud guard,

~~The fender structure of claim 8,~~ wherein at least one of the mud guard and the floor board is made of injection molded plastic.

11. (Currently Amended) The fender structure of claim 10[[8]], wherein the at least one mud guard and the floor board are formed in one piece with the right fender portion, the left fender portion and the support portion.

12. (Currently Amended) The fender structure of claim 10[[8]], wherein the at least one mud guard and the floor board are formed of injection molded plastic, and the right fender portion, the left fender portion and the support portion are formed of blow-molded plastic.

13-20. (Canceled)

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21. **(Currently Amended)** The vehicles of claim 22[[20]], wherein the mud guard and the floor board are formed as a one-piece unit.

22. **(Currently Amended)** A vehicle with a plurality of wheels, comprising:
a right fender portion positionable over a right wheel;
a left fender portion associated with the right fender portion and positionable over a left wheel, wherein at least one of the right fender portion and the left fender portion includes a support portion designed as a load-bearing surface that is defined at least in part by a top surface of at least one of the left and right fender portions;[[and]]
raised support portions, in at least one of a lateral, longitudinal, and diagonal direction, formed in one piece with the support portion, the raised support portions defining at least one raised support plane;
a mud guard positionable adjacent at least one of the left and right wheels; and
a floor board extending away from the mud guard,
The vehicle of claim 20, wherein at least one of the mud guard and the floor board is made of injection molded plastic.

23. **(Currently Amended)** The vehicle of claim 22[[20]], wherein the at least one mud guard and the floor board are formed in one piece with the right fender portion, the left fender portion and the support portion.

24. **(Currently Amended)** The vehicle of claim 22[[20]], wherein the at least one mud guard and the floor board are formed of injection molded plastic, and the right fender portion, the left fender portion and the support portion are formed of one of blow-molded and Injection molded plastic.

25-28. **(Cancelled)**

29. **(Currently Amended)** The all terrain vehicle of claim 30[[26]], further comprising a storage compartment formed in one piece with the fender structure and the raised support portions.

30. **(Currently Amended)** An all terrain vehicle including a plurality of wheels, the vehicle comprising:
a fender structure positioned over the wheels, the fender structure including a plurality of raised support portions defining at least one raised support plane, wherein the raised support portions and the fender structure are formed of a plastic material;

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a main frame from which the wheels are suspended; and
a bumper supported by the main frame,
wherein the raised support portions are supported by the main frame and are not
supported by the bumper; and

~~The all terrain vehicle of claim 29, further comprising a cover that is sized to cover the storage compartment.~~

31. (Original) The all terrain vehicle of claim 30, wherein the fender structure includes a central support surface defined by the cover and a lateral support surface on each side of the central support surface.

32. (Currently Amended) The all terrain vehicle of claim 30[[29]], wherein the fender structure includes lateral portions on each side of the storage compartment.

33. (Original) The all terrain vehicle of claim 32, wherein the fender structure includes at least one cross-over portion extending transverse to the lateral portions, the lateral portions and the at least one cross-over portion defining a support plane.

34-39. (Cancelled)

40. (Currently Amended) The all terrain vehicle of claim 42[[39]], wherein the fender structure and the plurality of built-in raised support portions are made of plastic selected from the group comprising polyethylene, polypropylene and fiberglass-charged polyethylene.

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Currently Amended) An all terrain vehicle comprising:
a main frame that suspends a plurality of wheels;
a fender structure supported by the main frame, the fender structure having a plurality
of built-in raised support portions defining at least one raised support plane;
a storage compartment positioned within the fender structure;[[and]]
a cover sized to cover the storage compartment,
wherein the fender structure includes a central support surface defined by the cover
and a lateral support surface on each side of the central support surface; and

~~The all terrain vehicle of claim 39, further comprising a mud guard and a floor board formed in one piece with the fender structure.~~

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43. (Original) The all terrain vehicle of claim 42, wherein the fender structure, the mud guard and the floor board are formed as a single unit.

44. (Original) The all terrain vehicle of claim 42, wherein the mud guard and the floor board are formed as at first one piece unit and the fender structure and the built-in raised support portions are formed as a second one piece unit.

45. (Original) The all terrain vehicle of claim 44, wherein the first one piece unit is made from an injection molded plastic and the second one piece unit is made of a blow-molded plastic.

46. (Currently Amended) The all terrain vehicle of claim 42[[39]], wherein the fender structure is a front end portion of the all terrain vehicle.

47. (Currently Amended) The all terrain vehicle of claim 42[[39]], wherein the fender structure is a rear end portion of the all terrain vehicle.